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SUBJECT: RABIN INTERVIEW IN LONDON OBSERVER

1. IN LONDON OBSERVER INTERVIEW WITH ERIC SILVER JUNE 1, PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS QUOTED AS GIVING THREE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ISRAEL CAN CONSIDER CHANGING ITS POSITION ON SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT. THESE ARE:

(A) DURATION OF ANY AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SYRIAN OR EGYPTIAN READINESS TO HAVE UN FORCES IN THE BUFFER ZONES;

(B) A CHANGE IN THE STATE OF WAR, OTHERWISE ISRAEL COULD NOT GIVE UP ITS DEFENSIVE LINE ALONG MITLA AND GIDI PASSES;

(C) SOME SYMBOLIC ACTS TO SHOW MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE.

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2. RABIN'S EXPOSITION IS DESCRIBED AS POINTING MORE TO

ANOTHER INTERIM STAGE, POSSIBLY WITH EGYPT, THAN CHANCES FOR AN OVERALL AGREEMENT. OVERALL SETTLEMENT, ACCORDING TO RABIN, MEANS A PEACE TREATY WHICH "THE MAN IN THE STREET WILL CALL A PEACE, NOT JUST PEACE IN TERMS OF AN END OF THE STATE OF WAR." FOR THAT, RABIN SAID ISRAEL HAS ALREADY STATED IT WOULD WITHDRAW "PRACTICALLY FROM ALL SINAI, EXCEPT A PRESENCE IN SHARM EL SHEIKH. WE DID NOT SAY SOVEREIGNTY, WE SAY PRESENCE." RABIN ADDED ISRAEL MUST HAVE "LAND CONTINUITY" WITH SHARM EL SHEIKH.

3. RABIN QUOTED AS ALSO TALKING OF "ADJUSTMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY", WHICH SILVER INTERPRETS AS MEANING THE RAFAH APPROACHES SOUTHEAST OF THE GAZA STRIP. ON GENEVA PARTICIPATION, RABIN SAID HE WOULD NOT DICTATE TO THE JORDANIANS WHOM THEY SHOULD INCLUDE IN THEIR DELEGATION, EVEN IF IT MEANT ACCEPTING AN IDENTIFIABLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO. BUT THE DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO REPRESENT JORDAN, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ANY AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE WITH JORDAN.

4. RABIN WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON GOLAN HEIGHTS, EXCEPT TO SAY THERE IS NO ALLON PLAN FOR THE GOLAN, BUT RABIN BELIEVED "THE SYRIANS CAN GET BACK SOMETHING BEYOND THE PRESENT LINE."

5. OBSERVER INTERVIEW WITH RABIN BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT NEA/IAI AND TEL AVIV.

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